

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The document is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed, according to the PAIR system, on July 9, 2004.

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Please note, our Office has not received a copy of the Non-Compliant Amendment. We know of the Notice only by viewing the status of this application shown on PAIR. We have made significant efforts to obtain a copy of the Notice. Individuals contacted at the United States Patent Office have been unable to find a copy of the Notice. So far, all efforts to obtain a copy from the
10 United States patent Office have been unsuccessful.

We have carefully reviewed Amendment on which mailing of the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment was based. We believe that the only issue with Amendment as filed is that some claims status identifiers were incomplete. We have responded with this understanding in an effort to
15 comply in a timely manner by inserting correct full claims status identifiers where this seemed appropriate. We have no way of knowing if other issues are required to be addressed. Accordingly, this response should be accepted as a bona-fide attempt at response.

The Examiner is invited to contact Earle Jennings or Gregory Smith at (510) 742-7417 if any
20 issues remain, or if such telephone call may otherwise be helpful in advancing this case.

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